

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 remain in the present application.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement, and requested that Applicants elect one of two identified groups of claims for prosecution in connection with the present application. The two groups of claims are as follows:

- Group I*** Claims 1-11, 15-17, 29, and 31, allegedly drawn to a method for a cmp polishing composition, classified in class 252, subclass 79.1 (+); or
- Group II*** Claims 12-14, 18-28, and 32-38, allegedly drawn to a method for cmp polishing a semiconductor substrate, classified in class 438, subclass 692 (+).

Applicants' Election

Applicants respectfully elect Group I, including claims 1-11, 15-17, 29, and 31 without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims at a later stage, depending on the results of examination of the elected claims.

CONCLUSION

An early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-11, 15-17, 29, and 31 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

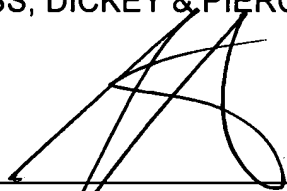
For all of the above stated reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding restriction/election requirement and favorable allowance of all claims in the instant application are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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